GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAINING TO AFGHAN ARMY BY INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will soon send at least a dozen Army Officers to war-ravaged Afghanistan to teach basic military fieldcraft and English skills to the fledgling Afghan Army as reported in the 'Times of India' dated April 26, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the Government has given its approval;

(c) if so, the time by which the Army Officers are expected to be sent;

(d) whether all possible security arrangement alongwith the compensation will be provided to these officers in case of any mis-happening there;

(e) if so, whether any MoU has been signed between the two countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) There is no proposal to send Indian Army Officers to Afghanistan for training the Afghan Army.

(b) to (f): Does not arise in view of (a) above.